Number of Officers on tour

	1990-91		1991-92		Rank
	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	
(i) Air India . .	12	30	15	31	Commercial Manager to Assistant Station Superintendent.
(ii) Indian Airlines .	4	*	4	*	Deputy Commercial Director to Assistant Commercial Manager
(iii) Vayudoot .	—	*	—	*	Commercial Manager.

*The business promotion tours within the country are undertaken alongwith other items of work. No separate records are, therefore, maintained.

(b) Thailand, Hong Kong, Singapore Japan, Malaysia Europe, Canada, Kenya, South Africa, Bangladesh, and Gulf countries. The domestic tours covered various stations such as Ahmedabad, Navasari Lucknow, Agra, Chandigarh etc.

(c) The total expenditure incurred on the above tours (excluding the internal tours of Indian Airlines and vayudoot officials) was Rs. 2.56 lakhs in 1990-91 and Rs. 4.71 lakhs in 1991-92

(d) The tours were in connection with business promotion efforts contributing to increase in revenue.

World Bank assistance to Nabard

*216. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank propose to give project assistance worth $ 640 million to National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) and (b) A proposal to provide assistance to NABARD is under discussion with the world bank. Details regarding the quantum of assistance cannot be determined until the content of the loan programme is finalised.

Concessional STD Rates for Rural Areas

*217. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government charges at lower rates for the STD phone calls at night;

(b) what concessional facilities are offered for rural phone users, without STD facilities;

(c) whether it is a fact that people living in rural areas get no concession for their trunk calls; and

(d) what measures Government propose to take to extend concessional rate and increase the duration when concessional trunk calls can be made in areas without STD facility ?